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In reply to application of

Fumio OTOMO et al.

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Examiner: B. Ridley

For: INTEGRATED COAL GASIFICATION COMBINED CYCLE POWER
GENERATOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed April 20, 2001, the period for reply extending to September 20, 2001, by virtue of a petition and fee for two-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for original claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11 and 13-15 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Twice Amended) An integrated coal gasification combined cycle power generator (IGCC) comprising:
- a coal gasification system for producing a combustible gas from coal, wherein said gasification system supplies said combustible gas to a gas turbine system;

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